



## Joyce Harriet Vincent

August 31, 1935 - September 9, 2022

VINCENT, JOYCE Born to Dorothy and Harry Vincent in Minneapolis on 08/31/1935. Passed peacefully 09/09/2022. Joyce lived her entire life in North East Minneapolis, where she is somewhat a legend. Joyce is preceded in death by her parents and her sister JoAnn Brinda. Joyce is survived by her sister Esther Nowlin and many nephews and great nieces and nephews. Joyce is also survived by the countless number of children whose lives' she has touched. Joyce organized all of the neighborhood children into a work force she called " Street Cleanup". A very clever way to teach children the value of work for reward, combining it with one of her other passions: Gardening. Joyce had a star chart, where children would help Joyce with tasks and earn points they could redeem for rewards. Routine tasks could be a challenge for Joyce. At age 12. Joyce contracted rheumatic fever, and then Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis leaving her physically challenged and using either a walker or a wheel chair to get around. Joyce worked at The Courage Center in Golden Valley all of her adult life. She was especially active in the Cards for Courage program at the center. With so many reasons to be angry or resentful, Joyce was always so upbeat and positive. One might say "JOYFULL". Joyce's OH BE JOYFULL garden, on the border of Boom Island Park, was Joyce's labor of love. Joyce oversaw every aspect of the garden and the yard surrounding it. Each year that yard would be the site of Joyce's annual KIDS PARTY. Current neighborhood children, children who had grown up and moved away, any child was welcome! It was the highlight of the

summer! Joyce loved the theatre and the arts. Joyce would have 1 or more of the neighborhood children accompany her to many different performances; from concerts, plays and art festivals to the Renaissance Festival and the Mn state fair. Joyce was also a member of The Zonta club and Metro Blooms. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joyce's name to the Courage Center, or any charity empowering youth would be preferred.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418


# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Joyce through the Zonta Club. She was always a pleasure to be around. Always upbeat, thoughtful, kind and extremely intelligent. Anyone who knew her will miss her and be grateful they were a part of her life.  
Blessed is her memory.  
Lesle M.

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“ I grew up on Monroe St NE. The Vincent family was a large part of those formative years for me and my siblings. We often went down the street to "help Gram" as we called Joyce's Mother. But Joyce was always there. Quiet and unassuming, sitting in her chair. It was Joyce who taught me how to wrap presents as I helped her wrap her numerous Christmas gifts to give to others. It was Joyce who took me to the Children's Theater for the very first time and instilled a love of live theater in me. It was Joyce who taught me that no matter what obstacles I faced in life, I could do so with grace and dignity. While our lives went separate ways as I grew up and moved away. I will never forget the lessons learned sitting next to her chair on Monroe. I was fortunate to run into Joyce at the Renaissance Festival a few years ago. To my surprise, she remembered me- 50+ years later! I cherish the memories and the lessons she gave me.  
Warmest regards to her family, Deby Schmidt Ziesmer.

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**Deby Ziesmer** - September 18, 2022 at 09:27 AM